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Rules and Regulations for an Association or Society
of a number of the inhabitants of the town of Boston,
who have agreed to meet together for the purpose here
after mentioned vizt: -----

For aiding and assisting the civil magistrates in
the legal execution of their office, and for the supporting
the other officers of the town in their duty, &c &c

For discouraging by using every mean in their power
to prevent monopolizing extortion & oppression, & every
other pernicious practice and vice among the inhabitants,
and for consulting and considering of any matter or thing
that may be for the generall good & welfare of the town,
and that order may be observed in said association the
following 13 Articles are agreed upon, vizt: -----

1. That the said Association shall be called by the name
of the Free and Independent Whig Society of Observation

2. That it shall consist of ~~45~~ members and no more
unless two thirds of the whole number shall agree to
enlarge it. -----

3. That no person shall be admitted without a unanimous
vote, and that the choice shall be made by ballot, and

That the society shall meet on the evening of the first
monday in each ^{month}, and upon application from any five of
the members to the Clark to have a special meeting called,
the Clark shall take care that the members are warned
to meet,

5. That a moderator be chosen at each meeting, whose business
shall be to regulate the meeting and keep order, & no member
to speak upon any matter without addressing the moderator,
nor to speak more than twice upon the same subject, with-
out leave obtain'd from the moderator,

6. That a treasurer and Clark shall be annually chosen by
ballot, and shall have a majority of the votes to make a choice
the Clark business shall be to keep a fair record of all the
proceedings of the society, and before any vote ^{is} entered on
the records, the same shall be reduced to writing, read and
approved of, and the record book shall be at our monthly
meeting, to lay open for the inspection of any of the members
and the treasurer business shall be to receive the money
from the members and discharge the expence of the ^{the society}
keeping a fair Acct, of the same & to lay it before the society
every three months, &c &c

7. That if any of the members are in private conversation
upon the moderator giving the word, (Order) they shall
immediately be silent, on pain or parcel of what shall
fall ^{thereon},

10^o 8. That in order to defray the expences of the meetings
of this society each member at the time of his being
admitted shall pay to the treasurer eighteen shillings
and six shillings on each monthly meeting afterwards,

9. That none of the debates or transactions of the society
be made known to any person except to an absent
member,-----

10. That no matter of a publick nature be determined upon
unless a majority of the whole association agree to it;

11. That if any member should behave in such a
manner as to counteract the good design of this
association, he shall be expelled the same,-----

12. That in case of the absence of any member 3 months
successively without sufficient excuse, to be determined
by the society such delinquent member shall be
expelled the society, &c -----

13. That every member shall pay his dollar a month
altho' he be absent from the monthly meetings, -----

Boston June 25th 1778.

We the subscribers do agree strictly to abide
by and support the above agreement, and comply

with the said Rules, & Regulations, in testimony whereof we do sett our hands, &c, &c,

x. px	John Ballavo	sp. Edward Green &
x. px	Philip Freeman	sp. Edward Porter
x.	Robert Gardner	sp. John Lowell
x. px	Nicholas Talcott	sp. Jeffrey Richardson &
x. px	William McNeilly	sp. John McNamee
x. px	John H. G.	sp. Nathaniel Noyes
x. px	Benjamin Wadsworth	sp. Richard Harrington
x. px	W. Hobisher	sp. Thomas Uram
x. px	Benj. Edes	sp. Alice Wilson
x. px	Peter Richardson	sp. John Cades
x. px	Jacob Rhoades	sp. Sam. Snigges
x. px	Tho. Watley	sp. Benj. White
x. px	Joseph Shedd	sp. Isaac Smith
x. px	Joseph Lovering	sp. Christopher Morris
x. px	John Whetton	sp. Moses Grant
x. px	George Matopeace	sp. James Goodridge
x. px	Hopewell Doctor Deaths	sp. James Goodridge
x. px	Gibliss Sharps	sp. Samuel Eliot
x. px	John Fullerton	sp. Thomas Melville
x. px	Adam Collon	sp. John Kneeland
x. px	Daniel Ingemott	sp. J. F. Furness
x. px	Robt. Wynn	sp. Chas. Clark

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Boston June 25th 1778.

All afull meeting of the association of the free and independent
whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted, that rules and regulations are approved off, and orders
to be recorded,

Voted, Captain John Ballard be moderator for y^e month

Voted, Thomas Walley Esq: be treasure for this year

Voted, Edward Green be secretary for this year

Voted, that a book for the records, be purchase and charg'd
in the Act^y of expence

Voted, to adjourn the meeting to 6th July at 8 in y^e evening

Boston 6th July 1778.

All afull meeting of the association of the free and independent
whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted, Captain John Ballard be moderator for y^e month

Voted, that M^r Ballard, Walley, & Green be a
committee, to wait upon Mr^r Kennedy and agree
with him for room, fire & Candles and report

Voted to adjourn to the 13th at 8th in the evening

Boston July 13rd 1778

At a full meeting of the association of the free and independent whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, to adjourn till 3 Aug^t; hav^tg nothing partic^r to lay before the society

Boston August 3rd 1778

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Deacon Freeman moderator for the Month

Voted, to adjourn to 6 Inst; & then to 16 Inst; & then to 28 Inst; and continuall adjourn from time to time to the 5 Octob^r; hav^tg nothing particular to lay before the meeting

Boston Octob^r 5^m 1778

Voted, at a full meeting of the association of free and independent whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice that Deacon Freeman continuall moderator for this month be

Voted, in Mess^s E: Procter, J: Lowell, N: Noyce, A: Wilson, T: Richardson, R: Hunewell

Voted to adjourn to the ^{12th Inst; at ^{7th in the evening,}}

All a full meeting of the association of free & independent
whig society of Observation met at ^{7th Hall of Justice --}

Voted Mess^r; Walley, Green, & Eedes be a committee to
see the instructions to the Boston Representatives are
published in the Boston News Papers --

Voted Mess^r; Proctor, Ballard, Lowell, Freeman and
Collson be a committee to inquire into the
conduct of our representatives and report --

Voted to adjourn to the ^{15th Inst; at ^{7th in the evening --}}

Boston 15. October 1778 --

All a full meeting of the association of free & independent
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, that the conduct of our representatives be referred
over to the November meeting and to adjourn
to the 2 November at 7 in the evening --

Boston 2 November 1778 --

All a full meeting of the association of free & independent
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted Thomas Walley Moderator for this month,

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Voted, Mess^r; Walley, Noyce, & Lowell be a committee to draw up a resoⁿ; for calling a town meeting, to call the committee of correspondence to Qu^d; and know what they have done about the torry^s, that have dare to return to town with or without leave.

Voted to adjourn to the 10th inst; at 6^o in the even^g,

Boston 10 November 1778.

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Mess^r; Ballard, Eedes, & Cudworth be a committee to complete a petiⁿ; before the town meeting

Voted to adjourn to the evening before y^e meeting

Voted that each member be desired to attend y^e meeting & take y^e part assign^d him, viz;

Voted, General Hancock, Deacon Davis, N. Noyce Thomas Walley, W^r; Cooper, Maj^r; Procter & Dr^r; Price, be putt up at the meeting for a committee to draw up resoluⁿ; respecting the return of torry^s, and such other matter as may come before t^e committee if choose^d,
N.B. - Deacon Sharp and Ballard to be putt up in case any of the above should not be choose^d.

Voted to adjourn to y^e 6 December at 6 in y^e evng^g

Boston 6th December 1778

All a full meeting of the association of free & independent whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted, W^m Benj; Edes Moderator for this month

Voted, W^m Benj; W^m Hawkins, Myles Brand, John Cade,
Benj; White, Simeon Elliott, Samuel Bugger,
in as members of the society....

Voted, That the association be called by the name of
the free and Independent whig society of observ-
ation,.....

Voted that a committee of 5 be choose to agree w^t some
person for a room fire and candles and report
at our next meeting, and W^m Walley, Edes
Lovering, Freeman and Sheld were appointed,

Voted to adjourn till the 14th Inv^t, at 6 O'clock P, M,

Boston 14th December 1778

All a full meeting of the association of free & independent
whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted that the committee report, which report was
approved off, and was order^d to be recorded,

Your committee appointed to agree with some person
for a room fire and candles &c, &c, do report as follows
that they after making such enquiry, as they thought
necessary, finally agreed with the Wid^d Hadree, for a large
room, for the association to meet in as often as they shall
see fit, they paying each evening they occupy the same
36/- lawful Money, for the use of Paid room chairs 2 fires &
4 Candles, till the 1 May next, and that they shall not
be obliged to call for any liquors &c, and your committee
upon considering what will be the most prudent measure
for the association to adopt at their meeting would recommend
to them, first: Not to have any pipes Tobacco or Liquor,
brought into the room, till the business of the evening is
complicated, and then the meeting to be adjourned, and
every member be at liberty to depart, who thinks proper
And those who choose it may tarry and call for what
they please and club for the same, but that it shall
not be at the expence of the association, and that the
Treasurer be directed not to spend any part of what
he collects each month, for the association, except pay
for the room fire and candles &c, unless he is order'd
to do it by a major part of the association

All which is submitted by yr: committee

J. Walley Chairman

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Noted, That M^r. Kennedy and Fullerton be directed to commit to writing what pass'd between Justice Jo: Greenleaf and the ~~the~~ ^{willians} who were before him the other day for pick'd his & others pocket in the street; &c and report at our next meeting, in order to act thereon &c &c,
Noted to adjourn to the 4 Janu^ry 1779, at 6 in ^{the} evening

Boston January 4th 1779

At a full meeting of the free and independent whig society of observation, met at the Hall of Justice -

Noted, Mr: Samuel Brugger Moderator for ^{the} month
Noted, to adjourn to the 11 Inst; at 6 O'clock in ^{the} even^g

Boston 11 January 1779

At a full meeting of the free and independent whig society of observation, met at the Hall of Justice -

Noted, to choose a committee of 3 to wait upon Mr Jenkins, to inquire who has flour to sell and what quantity; and Mess^{rs}; Froobisher, Shod & Makepeace were accord^d to choose a committee to wait upon Mr Jenkins and report who reported he did not know &c &c

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Voted, a committee of 3 be choose to draw a petition
for calling a town meeting) and Messrs:
Walker, Noyce and Buggles were chosen

Voted, to adjourn to the evening before the town
meeting at the Hall of Justice at 6 O'clock PM

Boston January 19, 1779
At a full meeting of the free and independent whig
society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, the association upon the adjournment do
adjourn to the Old Hall at Mr; Kennedy's at
6, in the evening) -----

Voted, a committee of 3 be choose to treat with Mr;
John Kennedy for his room fire and candle,
and Mess Walker, Freeman & Noyce were
accordingly chosen -----

Voted, to adjourn to the evening before the town
meeting, after their next adjournment,
when ever it may be held -----

Boston Janu^ry 26. 1779 ²⁵

At a full meeting of the association of free and independent whig society, of observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted, to gett the town meeting adjourn; till some time next week, and the committee are desired to attend the meeting to morrow,

Voted, to gett the towns committee of seven contin; in case it should be need, to have them dismissed from any publick service &c, &c,

Voted, to allow Mr; Kennedy Thirty shillings for the use of his room fire candles and chairs each evening the association improve the same &c.

Voted, to adjourn to the first of Feby^r at 6 in ^{the} even^g,

Boston 1, February 1779

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted, Col^t; Edward Proctor Moderator for this month of February &c, &c,

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5 Voted, Cott; Procter, Dod; Noyce, Capt; Ballard,
Capt; Wilson, Miss; Lowell, Shad, Brewsterwell,
be a committee to inquire into the conduct
of our Representatives, and report from time
to time till the new choose in May next,

Voted, That Miss; Kennedy and Fullerton be
desired to commit, to writing, what passed
between Justice Jos: Greenleaf and the
villains who were before him some time
ago, for picking his and others pockets in
the streets, and report at our next meeting;

Voted, Miss; Malley, Edes, Lowell, Procter and
Cudworth, be a committee to meet once a
week, and report to the grand body on their
monthly meetings, &c &c

Voted, To have the list called the first monday
in the even; of each month, and mark
those who are absent, in order to comply
with rules of the society, - - - - -
and found the following members absent viz;
Miss; Gardner, Tabb, Rhoades, Makepeace
Foster, Sharp, McLance, Pruggles, Peirce,
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Voted, Mess^m; James Gutrage, & Tho^d; Tibertone,²³
in as members of the society)-----

Voted, to adjourn the association to the first Monday
evening in March next, at 6 in the evening
at the Hall of Justice, and that ^a committee
of five be adjourned till Thursday ^{the 11th} Inst,
on each Thursday till our March meeting,
at which time ^{the} committee are to report &c,

Boston ^{the} 1st March 1779, D.

At a full meeting of association of the free & independent
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Capt^t Wilson Moderator for the Month of March &c

Voted, Capt^t Wilson, Ruggles, Foster, Grant, & Noyes,
a sub committee to meet once week thro' ^{the} month

Voted, the sub committee for the time to come be
taken from the list, begining with ^{the} first
man, and go thro' ^{the} whole chur^{ch} 5 men
each month &c &c -----

Voted, The sub committee have at all times to call
in any of the association to act with them &c

Voted, to call the list every month, meeting, and record the absent members, and the following is a list of the absent members viz, Deacon Sharp, Deacon Gardner, G. Makepeace, A. Heades, Ingersoll, Mc Lane, Hawkins, White, Cott; Proctor and Lowell

Voted, to adjourn to the 5 Inst;

Boston ^{to} 5 March 1779

At a full meeting of the association of the free and independent whig society of Observation met at y^e Hall of Justice

Voted, that the list for Assessors, and for the committee of correspondent, be put up, and all y^e other be omitted,

Voted, that E; Green, A; Collson and N; Noyes be a committee to write votes for the committee of correspondent.....

Voted, that S; Ruggles, A; Wilson, & T; Waller, be a committee to write votes for the Assessors,

Voted, to adjourn to y^e first monday even, in April

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Boston ^{2d}, April 1779

Att. a full meeting) of the association of the free and independent whig society of observation, met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted, to oppose ^{the} sale of ^{the} hands upon ^{the} neck —
and that the following list of informers be put
up viz; Deacon Davis, D: Parker Am: Davis,
Ellis Gray, J: Barrell, S: Barrett, C: Payne,
J: Winthrop, S: Brick, J: Reed, N: Soames
W: Powell, and they were according to voted
in by ^{the} town as informers to the ~~Oppressors~~

Voted, Mr: Adam Colson Moderator for ^{the} Month

Voted, that the sub committee do not meet ~~nowherefore~~
once a week, unless something particular
should turn up, — — — — —

Voted to call the list and record the absent members viz
R: Gardner, N: Tabb, W: McNeil, B: Cudworth, Jacob
Broades, G: Mawpeace, G: Sharp, D: Ingersol, Edw:
Procter, J: Lowell, J: M: Lane, R: Hunewell, J: Gade,
B: White, J: Peirce, J: Goodridge, &c &c —

Voted, Mess: Walters, Eades, Colson, Griggs, Ballard
Lowell, Sharp, Noyce, Willson, Green a committee
to meet on the ¹² Inst, to which time ^{the} ^{the} committee
is adjourned; — — — — —

Boston 12 April 1779

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted to put up the Hon: Saml: Adams, John Hancock
Ladd Davis, Tho: Walley, Tho: Davies, ^{w: T: Jud: E: D: L:} for
Representatives for this year, who were put up &
voted in according to - - - - -

Noted the whole of the association to meet at the Green
Dragon the even^g before the May meeting
and each member to carry one or more friends
to the meeting, such friends as he can depend
upon &c, - - - - -

Voted Mess: Ballard, Eedes, & Utranee a committee to
engage the green Dragon for y^e even^g before the
Boston meeting, and then adjourn to the first
monday even^g in May, - - - - -

Boston 3rd May 1779

Noted Deacon Sharp Moderator for the meeting

Voted to call the list and mark down all the absent
members w^{ch} are as follows viz: - - - - -
N: Tabb, J: Makepeace, R: Wager, Edw: Procter,
J: Lowell, J: Mc Lane, R: Hunewell, J: Gade,
and then adjourn to the first Monday even^g in
the month of June - - - - -

Boston June 7. 1779

At a full meeting of the association of the Free & Independent
Society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice in

Voted, Dr: Nath: Noyce Moderator for this month,

Voted to put off the choice of Treasure & Clerk till our
next month's meeting &c -----

Voted to call the list and record the absent members
viz; Willm Frobisher, Geo: Makepeace, D: Ingersol
Edward Procter, John Lowell, Joff: Richardson
Rich: Hunnewell, John Cade, Benj: White and
Isaac Peirce, -----

Voted, the following Gen: a committee to draw up a plan
to conduct the people, in the paths of their duty
and keep good order &c &c, viz; -----
Tho: Walley, E Green, N: Noyce, S: Ruggles, Sim:
Elliot, A Colson, J Ballard, M Bryant, are the
committee for the above purpose -----

Voted Mess: Edes & Noyce be desired to wait upon Mr:
N: Peirce, to inquire into his report of Jonathan
Amorys demand; of hard money for Rent &c
and Mess: Walley and Colson be desired to
wait upon Mr: Boyles to inquire into the report
of Capt: Lovings demand; of hard money for his
rent &c &c -----

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Voted Mr. Lovering and Foster be desired to call upon Mr; Adams and Pope, and inquire into the report, of Thos; Amroy demands, & y^r: Hard money for Rent &c

Mess^r; Kennedy and Shod be desired to wait upon Thos; Waldo and inquire into y^r: rep^t of Will^m; Dennie order^r, s^r: Waldo to take nothing but hard money for his Molasses store, in said Waldo's store &c &c and upon David Spear about the Nantucket molasses, who has orders to sell for nothing but hard money

Voted to adjourn to the 15 June 1779

At a full meeting association of the free and independent whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice (upon the above adjournment.)

Voted to call a body meeting to morrow morning at 9 o'clock to meet at the Old South

Voted, John Brown Esq^r: to be moderator of the meeting who was according^r choole at the meeting of the people

Voted to have a committee of 13 Gen^r: to consult & determine what steps shall be taken to

save the Town and State from destruction, by those
villians among us, imploj; ^{by George 17:3} for the
express purpose of ruin: our currency, and all
other ways imploj: in the service of his and their old
friend and master the Devil) against all honest
men who discover any manly determinis; to support
the Congress and Independence of America —
the following Gent: were agree, upon to be put
up at the meeting of the people with
John Bowe, Wm Cooper, Wm Hawkins, Alex: Wilson,
Sam: Brugger, Nath: Noyce, Is: Phillips, Tho: Melville,
Dea: Sharp, Henr: Prentiss, Edw: Procter, Jas: Fellows
and Capt: John Pulling who were according; choose
at the meeting of the people —

Voted, That Hon: Peter Fagan resj, be desired to post
up the hand Bill and sound the alarm to
call the people together to morrow morning at
9 O'clock on the floor of the Old South meeting)

Voted, May: Thomas Melville in as amembeer of
the Association —

Voted to adjourn to the 24th; at 7 O'clock —

Boston June 24th 1779

At the meeting of the Association of the free & independent
whig society, of Boston met at the Hall of Justice

Voted a committee be chosen to draw up some rules
and directions as a line of conduct, for carrying
into execution the voice of the people and
the following were chosen for the purpose viz;
Thomas Walker, Edward Green, Thos. Ballard,
John Lowell, Benj: Edes to meet at Mr
Kennedy's tomorrow evening at 7 O'clock --
and that the whole body be warn'd to meet
next Monday evening at the Hall of Justice, -

Voted that a body meeting be called to chuse a commttee
to go to Concord, and at our next monthly meetg.
to determine upon some direction for the Committee
of 13 to be to

Voted Mssrs: Green, Edes, & Walker be a committee to
wait upon The Hon: S: Adams, to invite him
to spend an eveng at the Hall of Justice
and the above committee to make such provis^t
for the company as may judge fit.

Voted the above committee wait upon Mr: Eliz: Tyler
to inquire at S: Reed offr: \$30 for \$ for hard money

Voted to adjourn to the 5 July at 6 O'clock in y: even,

Boston 5 July 1779

At a full meeting of the Association of the free and
independant whig society of Observation, met at the
Hall of Justice.

Voted Deacon Nick Fabb Moderator for y: Month

Voted to call the list and record the absent members viz

Jn: Richardson, J: Broader, J Whitten, H: Foster,
J: Makepeace, G: Sharp, A Collson, E: Procter,
J: Lowell, J: Richardson, J: Lade, B: White,
J: Goodridge, S: Elliott

Voted Benjamin Edes Esq; Lord High Treasury,
Edward Green Secer;

Voted to have a committee of 7 choose at the next
town meeting to meet at Concord, and agree
upon the following list viz;
Tho: Walker, Step: Higginson, Sam: Barrett,
Am: Davis, Ellis Gray, Samuel Brugler, &
Cap: John Ballard
who were accorded chosen at the meeting,

Voted Mess: Green, Edes, Grant, Hopkins, Noyce &
Frothingham a committee to write votes for y: above
purpose and then adjourn, to the first Monday
evening in August at 7 O'clock.

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Boston 2nd August 1779

At a full meeting of the Association of the free and
independant whig Society of Observation met at
the Hall of Justice.

Voted, Willm Froobisher Esq; Moderator.

Voted, to call the list and record the absent members
viz: R: Gardner, B: Cudworth, G: Mathepeace
J: Rhoades, H: Foster, E: Procter, Th: Lowell,
R: Hunewell, J: Urrain, J: Cade, B: White,
S: Elliot, Moses Grant,

Voted, to adjourn to the first Monday even^g in
September at 7 o'clock.

Boston 4th September 1779

At a full meeting of the Association of the free &
independant whig Society of Observation met at
the Hall of Justice.

Voted William Worthing Esq; Moderator, &c

Voted Hop; Foster out of the Association.

Voted to reeve w^e monthly settlement next Mon,

Voted the Ballance in M^r Wallerys hand
be paid into the hands of the new Treas, &c

Voted to adjourn to the 4th October next.

Boston 4th October 1779, ²³

At a full meeting of the Association of the free and
independant, whig, society of Observation met at
the Hall of Justice.

Voted, Benj; White Esq; moderator.

Voted, Thos; Waller Esq; Accts; were satisfactory; and
all proceeding, on 5th Oct^t, be put off till the
next morning, and the Ballance of £37. 11/-
be paid into the hands of y^e new Treas; with
all the out stand^d debts &c.

Voted, Benj; Cudworth out of the Association.

Voted, to record the absent members viz;
N: Tabb, J: Kennedy, B: Cudworth, J: Broader, R: Wyer,
J: Lovering, G: Makepeace, J: Fullerton, M: Grant
J: M^c Lane, R: Shunewell, W^m Hopkins, S: Elliott,
J: Goodridge, T: Melville.

Voted Mr: John Kneeland in as a member

Voted, to adjourn to the 5 November 1779

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Boston 8 November 1779

At a full meeting of the Association of the free
and independant whig society of Observation
met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted John Whitten Esq; moderator, --

Voted to record the absent members vizt,
R: Gardner, N: Tabb, W: M: Neal, R: Rhoades,
J: Makepeace, G: Sharp, J: Fullerton, R: Wyer
E: Procter, J: Lowell, J: Cade, S: Brugge, B: White
J: Pearce, W: Storkins, M: Grant, J: Elliott,

Voted Mr: John Turnaff in as a member
Mr: Christ Clerk in as a member

Voted Messrs: Waller, Eedes, Melville, & Hooper
as a committee to agree with Mr: Jon: Thed
for his room fire & Candles & reports and

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday evening
in December.

Boston ²⁶ December 1779 ³⁵

At a full meeting of the Association of the Free
and independant whig society of Observation met
at the Hall of Justice.

Voted, Adam Coddon Esq; Moderator,

Voted, The fund of the society now in stock be
expended in genteel supper at our next
monthly meeting, new years week.

Voted Mess^{rs}; Furness, Storck & Cades a Committee
to treat with Jos: Shed, to provide a room
for Candles, & Supper &c, for the society, in

Voted to record the absent members viz,
N: Tabb, S: Elliot, B: White, J: Peirce, J: Kennedy,
J: Lovering, G: Makepeace, J: Fullerton, Robt: Ayer,
J: M^cLane, R: Hunnewell, M: Grant, Tho: Melville,
C: Clark, J: Ballard, R: Gardner, W^m: Frobisher,
Tn: Richardson, In: Whitten, G: Sharp, E: Procter,
J: Cade, S: Brugles,

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in Janu: 1780

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Boston 3 Jan^r, 1780

At a full meeting of the Association of the free and
independant Whig Society of Observation met at the
Hall of Justice.

Voted Robert Wyer Esq; Moderator for y^e month

Voted to record the absent members vizt,
W^t. Ballard, P^r. Freeman, Rob^t. Gardner, Nich^t; Tab^b,
W^m. Neil, Tn^t; Kennedy, Tn^t; Richardson, J^r. Rhoades,
Tn^t. Whitter, Deaⁿ. Sharp, Edw^r; Procter, Tn^t. Mc Lane
Rich^t; Tunewell, Tn^t. Cade, J^r. Peirce, M^s. Grant
J^r. Goodridge, S^r. Elliot, T^r. Melvill, Tn^t. Kneeland, —

Voted, The present members, in case the absent one
refuse to pay their Club, engage to see the
Treas^r paid the expence of this evening, —

Voted, Thanks to Thomas Waller Esq; late Treas^r
for his past services in that office;

Voted, Thanks to Edward Green Secr^r for his
past services in that office, and he still be
allow^d all the Emoluments, Privilege, and
Perquisites, arising in that office, particull^r,
those of finding all the Paper Ink & Quills,
at his own expence, for the use of the
Association as he has done for 2 or 3 year past,

Voted, to adjourn to Friday even; 15^r Feb^r

Boston, February, 1780. 23.

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent Whig Society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted Jacob Rhoades Esq; Moderator.

Voted, to call the list and record the absent members,

P; Freeman, N; Tabb, W^m; Mc; Neal, J; Lovering,
J; Sharp, J; Fullerton, S; Proter, J; Lowell,
J; Richardson, T; Utran, B; White, J; Peirce,
S; Elliot, J; Melwell, John Kneeland,

Voted to choose a committee of nine to meet once a week till March Meeting, to fix proper Town officers for March meeting, in following year: were chosen viz; Tho; Walker, Nathl; Noyce, Benj; Odes, Mr; Turnash, Alca; Wilson, Dr; Colson, W^r Worthing, Jn; Ballard, Christo; Clark are in committee,

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in March.

Here ends the first Chapter

Selah Stand the Wine

Boston March 6th 1780

At a meeting of the Association of the free and
independant Whig society of Observers met at the
Hall of Justice.

Voted John Lowell Esq; moderator.

Voted to call the list and record the Absent Members

P. Freeman, R. Gardner, N. Tabb, W^m, Neal
B. Eder, J. Rhoades, G. Sharp, D. Ingersoll
R. Wyer, E. Procter, J. Lowell, Jⁿ, Lane,
N. Noyce, R. Sturnewell, Alex; Wilson, Gade,
S. Brugges, J. Peirce, W^m, Hawkins, S. Elliot,
J. Goodridge, Jhn Kneeland,

Voted to adjourn to y^e 8th Inst, at 7 O^{clock}

Boston 8th March 1780

Voted the List of Overseers be putt off to Fryday
evening to be concluded upon at the Green Dragon

Voted to adjourn to Fryday evening at the Green Dragon
and from thence to adjourn to y^e 12th Inst; on Sunday
evening before the Town meeting, at the Hall
of Justice at 6 O'clock in the Evening
and from thence to 3 April next.

Selah Stand the Punch,

Boston April 3rd 1780 (39)

At a meeting of the Association of the Free & Independ; Whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted Joseph Wren Esq; Moderator

Voted to call the List and record the absent members
P. Freeman, N. Tabb, J. Richardson, G. Sharp,
J. Fullerton, R. Weyer, S. Proctor, J. Lowell,
S. Buggles, J. Cade, B. White, J. Peirce,
W^m Hosking, John Kneeland,

Voted Mess; C. Green, M. Grant, T. Melville, B. Eedes
N. Noyce, A. Colson, Tn^t; Furness, be the
committee to prepare a list of honest men
to serve the town as Representatives;

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday even^g in May

..... Selah Hand the Punch

..... Turn Over

Boston 2 May 1780

At the meeting of the Association of the free & Independent
Whig Society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice
Voted Alexander Wilson Esq; Moderator,

Voted to call the list and record the absent Members

I, Ballard, I, Freeman, N, Vale, W, M, Neal,
I, Richardson, I, Rhoades, I, Walley, I, Lovering,
I, Whitten, I, Sharp, R, Wyer, I, Porter,
I, Fullerton, I, Richardson, I, m, Lane,
I, Cade, N, Noyce, R, Hunewell, I, Buzzell,
I, Hineband, B, White, Wm, Hopkins, I, Peirce,
I, Goodridge, I, Elliot, Tho, Melvill,

Voted, to Adjourn to the 3 Inst;

Boston 3 May 1780

At the meeting upon the Adjournment.

Voted the following Genl, should be Representatives

for the present Year if agreeable to them, viz,

Hon; John Hancock Esq;

Hon; Sam; Adams Esq;

Caleb Davis Esq;

Thom; Walley Esq;

John Lowell Esq;

Sam; Austin Esq;

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday Even; in June

Boston June 5th 1780 ⁴¹

At a meeting of the Association of the Free & Independant
Whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of
Justice.

Voted, as nothing of consequence was before the
society, and a number of members absent to
adjourn to y^e July at 7 O'clock in the Evening

Boston 3rd July 1780

At a meeting of the Association of the Free & Independant
Whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted as nothing of consequence was before y^e society
and a number of members absent, to Adjourn
to the 7th August at 7 O'clock in the Evening

Boston 7th August 1780

At a meeting of the Association of the Free & Independant
Whig society, of Observation met at y^e Hall of Justice,

Voted Samuel Ruggles Esq^r: Moderator

Voted That M^r S^r Ode, be desir'd to gett his law ready
and make a settlement w^t M^r Shed

Voted, to Adjourn till y^e next Monday Evening























